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## **HOGSETT ANNOUNCES CHARGES AGAINST WHITESTOWN MAN FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

*Latest "Operation Community Watch" prosecution also involves trafficking allegations*

### **PRESS RELEASE**

INDIANAPOLIS – U.S. Attorney Joseph H. Hogsett announced today the indictment of Daniel Alan Jines, age 36, of Whitestown, on federal child pornography charges. These charges include 15 counts of producing child pornography, one count of receiving child pornography, and one count of possessing child pornography. Hogsett said the indictment comes as his office has launched Operation Community Watch, a new effort which aims to reduce the abuse of Hoosier children through new investigative techniques and aggressive prosecution.

"While there are real and serious threats facing our young people online, far too often the greatest danger to a child in this state comes from within their own neighborhood," said Hogsett. "That is why this office launched Operation Community Watch earlier this year – to aggressively combat the scourge of this type of behavior in Hoosier communities."

According to court documents unsealed this morning, Jines is alleged to have abused a 10-13 year old child between May 2008 and May 2010. The indictment alleges that Jines persuaded, induced and coerced victim Jane Doe to engage in sexually explicit activity, which Jines then recorded. The indictment lists more than a dozen depictions of the victim that were allegedly located by investigators, including both still images and video files.

In addition, it is alleged that on February 4, 2013, Jines was found by investigators to have received additional child pornography files, which were downloaded through the internet. These files also allegedly depict the abuse of children, including toddler victims. The indictment also charges Jines with possessing child pornography, including files that were allegedly discovered by law enforcement on a computer hard drive found in the defendant's home.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney A. Brant Cook, who is prosecuting the case for the government, Jines faces life imprisonment if he is found guilty of producing child pornography. The receipt and possession counts both carry with them the possibility of up to twenty years in federal prison. In addition, Jines also could be sentenced to years of supervised release, and lifetime registration as a sexual predator.

This indictment comes as Hogsett has announced a comprehensive crackdown on child exploitation in Indiana. Just last month, he launched “Operation Community Watch,” which will allow prosecutors and investigators to use cutting-edge techniques to identify and charge people in Hoosier communities who are engaged in the receipt and trafficking of child pornography materials.

In this case, these efforts were facilitated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations, the Carmel Police Department, the Fishers Police Department, and the Hamilton County Metro Child Exploitation Task Force.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a larger nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Hogsett pointed out that in the last Project Safe Childhood reporting year, the Office prosecuted 52 defendants, an increase of 37% over the prior year, and 49 defendants were convicted and sentenced. These are all-time records for the Office. The Office conviction rate for PSC cases was 100%, a level it has been at since 1991.

The greatest measure of the PSC program’s impact, however, is the identification and rescue of child victims of sexual exploitation and abuse. Over the last year, the U.S. Attorney’s Office successfully identified more than 120 child victims, including minors in Indiana, numerous places in the United States, Canada, Switzerland, and other countries around the world.

Led nationally by United States Attorneys’ Offices and the Criminal Division’s Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).

Informations, indictments, and criminal complaints are only a charge and are not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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